

Coated Steel – Prepainted Data Sheet



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Exterior General Articles prepainted steel

General description

Exterior General Articles prepainted steel, designed specifically by BlueScope to provide a cost-effective product with outdoor durability and formability.

Typical uses

Air conditioning system wrappers. For material selection advice, please contact Steel Direct.

Australian and International standards

Substrate - AS 1397:2011
ISO 9001:2015 Quality System certified

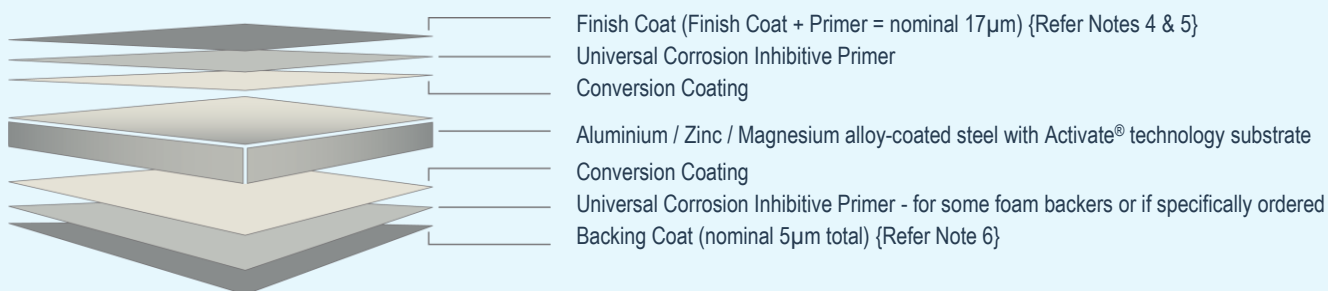
Preferred substrates

AM100 G300S steel with Activate® technology {Refer Note 8}

For substrate properties please refer to the relevant Metallic (AM) Coated steel datasheet or AS 1397:2011.

Please refer to current price list or BlueScope State Sales Office for availability of colours and dimensions.

CORSTRIP® protective film may be available on request {Refer Note 3}



Attributes tested during manufacture

Property	Test & Evaluation Method(s)	Results
Adhesion		
Reverse Impact	AS/NZS 2728:2013 (App. E)	≥10 joules
T-bend	AS/NZS 2728:2013 (App. F)	Maximum 6T. Refer Note 7.
Hardness		
Pencil	AS 1580.405.1:1996	HB or harder
Specular gloss		
60° meter	AS/NZS 1580 602.2:1995; ASTM D523-14 (2018) (test & eval)	Nominal ± 10 units

Product Attributes

Property	Test & Evaluation Method(s)	Results
Flexibility		
T-bend	ASTM D4145-10 (2018)	Maximum 10T (no cracking.) Refer Note 7.
Resistance to abrasion		
Scratch	AS 2331.4.7-2006 (test & eval)	Typically 2000g
Resistance to humidity		
Cleveland (500 hours)	ASTM D4585/D4584M-18; AS/NZS 1580.481.1.9:1998 (Blisters); AS/NZS 1580.408.4-2004 (Adhesion)	Blister density: ≤3. Blister size: ≤S2. No loss of adhesion or corrosion.
Resistance to corrosion		
QFog (2000 hours)	AS/NZS 1580.481.1.9:1998 (Blisters); AS 1580.408.4-2004 (Adhesion), AS 1580.481.3-2002 (Undercutting, Corrosion)	Blister density: ≤2. Blister size: ≤S2. Undercut from score: ≤1mm. No loss of adhesion or corrosion of base metal. Refer Note 2.
Resistance to colour change		
Natural well washed exposure (10 yrs)	AS/NZS 1580.457.1:1996 & ASTM D2244-16 (Colour)	ΔE CIElab 2000: Light colour: ≤ 6 units. Intermediate colour: ≤9 units. Dark colour: ≤ 15 units. Refer Notes 9 & 10.
QUV (2000 hours)	ASTM G154-16 & ASTM D2244-16 (Colour)	ΔE CIElab 2000: Intermediate colour: ≤6 units.
Resistance to chalking		
Natural well washed exposure (10 yrs)	AS/NZS 1580.457.1:1996 & AS/NZS 1580.481.1.11:1998 (Chalk Method B)	Chalk rating: ≤4. Refer Notes 9 & 10.
QUV (1000 hours)	ASTM G154-16 & AS/NZS 1580.481.1.11:1998 (Chalk Method B)	Chalk rating: ≤4.
Resistance to solvents		
Exposure	ASTM D1308-02 (2013) (3.1.1); ASTM D2244-16 (Colour); AS/NZS 1580.481.1.9:1998 (Blisters)	No discolouration or blistering. Refer Notes 9 & 11.
Resistance to heat		
Exposure 100°C continuous (500 hrs)	ASTM D2244-16 (Colour)	Colour change ΔE CIElab 2000 : ≤3 units.

Important notes

1. Where PIR foaming is employed, it is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure the foam is compatible with the Shadow Grey backer. If not, contact Steel Direct for advice.
2. Product may not be suitable if it is intended to use Exterior General Articles prepainted steel in an exterior application within 1km of salt marine locations, severe industrial or abnormally corrosive environments; in areas not washed by rain, or in applications where it will be wholly or partly buried in the ground. For selection of the most appropriate BlueScope prepainted steel product, please refer to Technical Bulletins TB1a, TB1b, CTB16, CTB21 and CTB22. Before purchase, you should check on suitability by visiting the BlueScope website or by contacting Steel Direct for advice.
3. The CORSTRIP® protective film should be removed from the painted steel strip immediately on installation. Sunlight can increase adhesion of the protective film to the painted surface if left uncovered outside.
4. Finish Coat - the coating applied to the exposed surface of the prepainted coil which is expected to meet the Performance Requirements.
5. The product is supplied with a nominal 25 unit (60°) gloss Finish Coat
6. Backing coat - a thin coating applied to the reverse surface of the prepainted coil. It also gives additional durability to the reverse surface during the service life of the product. For aesthetic reasons the Backing Coat is not recommended for exposure to direct sunlight.
7. The minimum internal bend diameters for forming processes to achieve no paint cracking (visible using x10 magnification) and to avoid paint adhesion issues are specified by the T-bend flexibility and T-bend adhesion results respectively- where 1T equals the total coated thickness (tct) in mm of the material. These results are based on testing at 20-25°C.
8. For most products, the metallurgical ageing process which is inherent in the paint stoving cycle will result in some loss of ductility compared with unpainted product. However, minimum strength levels designated by relevant standards will still be applicable.
9. Improper storage or use of non-approved roll-forming lubricants may cause brand transfer and paint blushing, and may adversely affect colour and long term durability. Product in coil or sheet pack form must be kept dry. If the coil or sheet pack becomes wet, it must be separated and dried (refer AS/NZS 2728:2013 Appendix L, and also Technical Bulletin TB7). Contact Steel Direct to obtain advice on appropriate rollforming lubricants.
10. Values quoted are for panels exposed in accordance with AS/NZS 2728:2013. Variations for in-situ performance may occur due to complexity of building design and location.
11. Exterior General Articles prepainted steel has good resistance to accidental spillage of solvents such as methylated spirits, white spirit, mineral turpentine, toluene, trichloroethylene and dilute mineral acids and alkalis. However, all spillages should be immediately removed by water washing and drying.

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